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Don't leave the city for mountain or beach without having The Republican accompany you. You will be lonesome without it.

The issue to be tried before the naval court of inquiry is not whether Admiral Schley is a coward. No one appears NAVAL to prosecute on such an INQUIRY. accusation. The charge is not in the precept.

The Macloy accusation has been vigorously repudiated by the secretary of the navy. The naval academy authorities have destroyed the illusion that an academy text book teaches cadets such lies upon American officers.

The American people do not for an instant believe that Schley or any other admiral or any subordinate officer in the American navy is a coward. They really do not need the evidence of Carver or any Spanish captain on this point.

It is only the petty irresponsibility on both sides of the controversy who introduce into the malignant libel upon the courage or manhood of the two admirals.

The inquiry will evidently deal with such questions as that of alleged insubordination on the part of Schley, in disobeying or saying that he must disobey orders, which circumstances demonstrated to be wise; and that of alleged inefficiency through errors of judgment in handling the flying squadron at Cienfuegos and Santiago; and the controversy over what occurred and was said on the bridge of the Brooklyn at the time of making the loop, involving a question of veracity or of memory.

And incidentally on the other side renewed stress will be laid upon Admiral Sampson's absence with the New York from the scene of actual battle and upon his confessedly tactless cablegram announcing the Santiago victory; and the facts will be developed which will indirectly sustain or discredit the soundness of his judgment and the wisdom of his acts as commander of the fleet.

The most unsatisfactory result of the investigation will be the conversion of the inquiry into a petty competition in scandalous defamation between American naval officers. It is hardly possible, however, that any clash of opinion between responsible men, thus contending in the open, can reproduce even faintly the venomous and cruel abuse which in the newspapers have been poured upon both Sampson and Schley.

The American people will be best pleased if the results of the inquiry justify them in their present course of shutting their ears in disgust to the responsive chorus of vitriolic slander supplied by certain adherents of each admiral. They will be gratified if the fact is made plain to the world that the American navy is sound and efficient, not honeycombed either with cowards or backbiting, dishonest conspirators. They are not eager to have the Sampsonites crush Schley or the Schleyites crush Sampson; for in the reciprocal crushing the American navy is sure to suffer more and more in popular respect and admiration. They will hope that the blunders or misdeeds fastened upon any American officer in connection with the glorious campaign of our navy in the war with Spain will turn out to be few and venial, and that after due allowances are made for human infirmities both admirals, now under fire, and all American naval officers, may ever appear as brave sailors, capable commanders and good Americans.

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Wunst th' Hook-en-Ladder tore off th' Hindwheel of a Waggin 'at a Salt River Value Farmer was Drivin' Th' Farmer picked Him'st up fum th' Groun' an' looked at th' Reck, an sez, sez he: "Th' City 'll haf to pay fer this. I was on my Can side of th' Street. I wudent a cared so much but that dam'd Driver never looked aroun' to see th' Roon he Wrot."

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